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and partly cloudy Thursday with northerly winds 12 to 22 miles an hour is the United States Weather Bureau's forecast for New Orleans and vicinity. Highest expected, 48-52.

TESTS BEING RUN ON BODY OF KENNEDY PROBE FIGURE

Ferrie's Body Removed from Residence

POLICE OFFICERS remove the body of David William Ferrie from his second-floor apartment at 3330 Louisiana ave. pkwy. Wednesday. The body was removed through the rear entrance of the building.

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Garrison Says Arrest of Ferrie Was Planned

Toxicological tests were being run Wednesday night on the body of David William Ferrie, a central figure in District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigation into the death of President John F. Kennedy, to determine the cause of his death.

Dr. Nicholas Chetta, Orleans Parish coroner, said anatomical findings showed that Ferrie suffered a rupture of a blood vessel at the base of the brain, which caused a hemorrhage.

Garrison said at a press conference Wednesday afternoon that he had decided Wednesday morning, before he learned of Ferrie's death, to arrest the man next week.

The DA would not elaborate on what charges he would have filed or what evidence he had.

NOTE IS FOUND

Ferrie was found dead at noon Wednesday in his apartment at 3330 Louisiana ave. pkwy. Dr. Chetta found a not on Ferrie's dining room table which read in part:

"To leave this life is, for me, a sweet prospect. I find nothing in it that is desirable and on the other hand, every-

...ing that is loathesome."

The coroner said more information was written on the note, but declined to say what it was.

Dr. Chetta said although Ferrie had an assortment of drugs in his apartment, he did not know whether Ferrie had consumed any.

He said the time of death was "sometime last (Tuesday) evening."

Garrison said his investigators, who had kept a stake-out at Ferrie's apartment for "some time," saw the lights in Ferrie's apartment go out at 11 p. m.

DAVID W. FERRIE
Found dead in apartment.

However, George Lardner, a reporter for the Washington

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DR. NICHOLAS CHETTA, Orleans Parish coroner, enters his car to depart from the area of the residence where David William Ferrie was found dead Wednesday. Dr. Chetta took charge of the investigation and said he would "have something to say later."

TESTS ON BODY

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Post and Times-Herald, here to cover Garrison's investigation, said he went to Ferrie's residence about midnight to interview him and remained until about 4 a. m. "Once you get him talking it's hard to shut him off," Lardner said before he learned of Ferrie's death.

NOT DEPRESSED

The reporter said Ferrie appeared to be neither excessively excited nor depressd, and there was no indication that he might be contemplating suicide.

Dr. Chetta said he had information that Ferrie talked about ending his life two weeks ago. He would not elaborate, except to say the man who said this has a first name of "Joseph."

Garrison said of the man's death, "The apparent suicide of David Ferrie ends the life of a man who, in my judgment, was one of history's most important individuals."

The DA said that "evidence developed by our office has long since confirmed he was involved in events culminating in the assassination of President Kennedy."

He said investigators who had conducted the stake-out at Ferrie's apartment had information "which had caused us to become increasingly concerned as our investigation progressed about the possibility of his killing himself."

DECIDED TO ARREST

"Because of this," he continued, "in a meeting at my house this morning we reached a decision to arrest him early next week—apparently we waited too long.

When asked whether Ferrie's death will hinder his investigation, he replied "No comment."

He said his men had noted "extreme nervousness" in Ferrie for the last 10 days. He had been seen "pacing his floor endlessly" and that he had indicated to an investigator that he was thinking about taking his life.

Garrison said Ferrie knew he was the subject of an investigation and had cooperated with his assistants.

When asked whether he will now ask for help from the federal government in the probe, Garrison replied by asking "What would be the purpose of seeking federal aid, to delay the invesigation three more years. We've done more in three months with a small staff than the government did in three years with 5,000 men."

The district attorney did say, however, that he will ask Gov. John J. McKeithen for a few more men to aid the investiga-

THURSDAY MORNING,

House Where Ferrie's Body Was Found

—Photo by The Times-Picayune.

DAVID WILLIAM FERRIE was found dead Wednesday in the bedroom off the upper front porch of this two-story stucco home at 3330 Louisiana ave. pkwy. The body was discovered in bed by a youth at 11:40 a. m.